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Subject to final approval, the Federal Government is prepared to agree to the proposals transmitted by General Norstad/LIVE OAK in SULO 2-0716, 12 September 1961 - para 2 A - B - with the following understanding:

1. Action against ground targets, excluding air-fields in or immediately adjacent to the air-corridors or in the Berlin control zone would only be taken in reply to continued firing from such targets or in case of damaging or shooting down of Allied aircraft.
2. Action should be taken against targets involved in such firing and recognized as such.
3. Action should be taken only by escorting fighters on the spot. In order to minimize danger of escalation additional fighters should not be ordered to continue or assist in such action.

Purpose of envisaged action should clearly be limited to identify Soviet intention and to demonstrate Western determination. The Federal Government deems it necessary that planning for the contingency of total blockage of Allied air access by use of force on the part of the Soviet Union and Soviet zone be urgently advanced.

September 16, 1961

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